

Parent News

Supporting Successful Students

May 3-7*Teacher Appreciation Week***May 6***Chancellor's Office Hours at
Janney Elementary School, 6-8
p.m., 4130 Albemarle Street,
NW***May 17***Regular Instruction Day -
Formerly May Parent
Conference Day***May 17***Secondary School
Transformation Series at
Francis-Stevens Education
Campus, 6:30-8 p.m., 2425 N
St. NW***May 19***Secondary School
Transformation Series at Kelly
Miller Middle School, 6:30-8
p.m., 301 49th St. NE***May 26***Chancellor's Community Forum
Meeting at Randle Highlands
Elementary School, 6:30-8 p.m.,
1650 30th Street, SE***May 31***No School, Memorial Day
Holiday*

Summer programs provide learning, safety for all students

Parents have the option to enroll children, grades K-12, in a high quality, enriching summer program that keeps children safe during the summer months. DCPS offers summer school from Monday, June 28 until Friday, Aug. 6. Summer school is free for DC residents. The deadline for enrollment is Friday, April 30.

High school students have the opportunity to make money and build job skills through the Career Pathways program. They can also recover academic credit. For students in grades K-8, DCPS will operate a half-day program that provides intensive support in reading and mathematics. Additionally, all elementary school students may participate in afternoon enrichment programs.

For more information, contact your school or call 202-442-5002.

Teacher Appreciation Week is a perfect time to say thank you

The first week in May is a celebration of our outstanding teachers! You and your child are encouraged to take the time to say thank you to the teachers at your school.

Here are some free, easy ways to say thank you to the special teachers in your child's life:

- ❖ Work with your child to create a hand-made thank you card;
- ❖ Search through magazines or newspapers and have your child cut out words that remind them of their teacher. Paste them onto a bookmark to give the teacher;
- ❖ Have your child write a short poem of thanks to give to their teacher.



Students from Phelps
Photo by Meaghan Gay



Students and Teacher from Brent
Photo by Bel Perez-Gabliondo



Students from Shaw @ Garnet-Patterson
Photo by Bel Perez-Gabliondo

DCPS regularly sends out emails about events and announcements. Sign up to receive notifications by visiting <http://dcps.dc.gov/DCPS/enews>. While you're there, check out I Am A DCPS Teacher, our new teacher section that highlights outstanding teachers in the district.

Enrollment has started for 2010-2011

You should have received enrollment packets with your child's current enrollment information in the mail. Please take a few minutes to complete and return the forms to your child's school as soon as possible.

Expanding Breakfast Options for Students

Did you know that students who eat breakfast are more alert throughout the school day and show an increased ability to analyze complex problems? Building on the benefits of breakfast, DCPS is now offering *Breakfast in the Classroom* at 12 elementary schools: Beers, Drew, Garfield, JO Wilson, Kimball, Malcolm X, Moten, Raymond, River Terrace, Simon, Stanton, and Truesdell.

Breakfast in the Classroom increases breakfast participation by delivering breakfast directly to students' first-period homeroom, or by making "grab and go" breakfast boxes available for pick-up in the cafeteria. Breakfast is free for all DCPS students.

Make brain food for your child with this easy **smoothie recipe**:

- 1 cup of water, 1 cup milk (soy, almond or rice)
- 3/4 cup of blackberries (fresh or frozen)
- 1-2 ripe bananas
- 1 apple
- 2 dates (remove pits)
- 1 leaf of kale
- 2 TB nuts (optional: walnuts, cashews, pecans, etc.)

Place all ingredients in a blender and blend until smooth and creamy.



Students and teacher from Montgomery
Photo by Michael DeAngelis

What We Believe: *Great Teachers Are Key in Raising the Academic Achievement of Students*

Teachers in classrooms throughout D.C.'s public schools demonstrate their commitment to the children of this city every day. Educators are essential to DCPS student success. Students can't reach higher achievement levels, and DCPS cannot improve as a district, without highly effective teachers.

This May, be sure to join us as we thank the great teachers in this school system who get up every day to do the hardest and most important work in this country.